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Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to comment on the settlement of the Microsoft case. As a small business owner I believe the settlement will start rebuilding our economy and at the same time allow a significant investment in educating children.

Microsoft has benefited consumers and business owners by providing an integrated software system that is easy to use. Our economy depends on competition and ongoing innovation that is not discouraged by litigation and regulation.

A settlement will allow Microsoft and other companies to again focus their efforts on developing technology that will provide new opportunities for consumers and the technology industry. The settlement will also provide much needed training and software for our schools.

Sincerely,

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